



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TRANSMISSION BELT AND INDICATION APPARATUS
FOR INDICATING THE END OF LIFE OF TRANSMISSION BELT**

the application of which

is attached hereto OR

was filed on August 22, 2003 as PCT International Application Number PCT/JP03/10612, and was amended on March 17, 2004 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a-d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below. I have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint: Curtis H. Castleman, Reg. No. 25,495; Steven G. Austin, Reg. No. 34,541 ; and Jeffrey A. Thurnau, Reg. No. 42,183, my attorneys, and Paul N. Dunlap, Reg. No. 52,840, my agent, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith, and I hereby request that all correspondence regarding this application be sent to the firm of THE GATES CORPORATION , whose Post Office Address is: 1551 Wewatta Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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